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## COMMUNITY ISSUES

### CITY CHARTER

July 1, 2000 ( ) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Dilva Henry reported that you might not have been able to see the impact yet, but the city of L.A. had a new city charter. The new charter began about some controversial power shifts in city government. Among the changes: The formation of a citywide network of neighborhood councils that would respond directly to community needs. Another change – The mayor would have more authority over the city leaders and the city purse strings. Critics said the new plan could lead to corruption while supporters said it would create a more user-friendly government.

### FIREWORKS DANGERS

July 3, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:41

KCAL Andre Moreau reported that along with the barbecue and pool parties, you'll see a lot of fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and you know there's dangers with that. Leave fireworks to the pros. That's what the consumer product safety commission is telling us. But if you can't resist, at least remember these things: First, never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks, be sure everyone's out of the way, only light fireworks on a smooth flat surface, and keep a bucket of water close by in case of a problem. But to play it safe, a professional fireworks show is still your best bet. If you want to know where to go to see the skies light up, log on to "safejuly4th.org" for information on where the fireworks will be in the Southland.

### SLUM TENANTS

July 6, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that there was a moving day for more than a dozen local families who once lived in a notorious slum building. The families were settling into new apartments at the Casa Verde, an affordable housing development just blocks away in Hollywood. The families came from the Mayfair Apartments, a building which was cited by the city housing department in 1998 for more than 675 violations including vermin, lack of running water, and collapsed ceilings.

## **EMERGENCIES**

**July 7, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:39**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the Orange County Sheriff and Fire Departments joined forces to better serve the community. It was one of the first such agreements in the state. Officials said the pact would eliminate redundancy making both departments more efficient. They called the deal a "memorandum of understanding". Both organizations said the agreement would be most useful in the wake of an earthquake or Columbine-like shooting at a school.

## **PEACE MARCH**

**July 8, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:32**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that hundreds of school children marched through south Los Angeles demanding an end to street violence. The march was sponsored by a chapter of LA Bridges, the city's anti-gang program. Several participants wore T-shirts proclaiming the theme of the march, 'envision no violence'. Street crime has increased dramatically in south LA. Some officials fear this may be the end of a seven-year drop in crime rates. The L-A-P-D said a gang activity may be causing the increase in the street crime.

## **SMOG PAPERS**

**July 8, 2000 ( ) TRT 00:26**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that Southlanders could have expected to have more pagers beeping and cell phones ringing if they sign up for a new program. Three cell phone and pager companies offer customers smog and air quality reports. The companies were Outspoken Industries, TSR Wireless, and Pagenet. Pagers will beep and phones will ring every time the air quality reaches "hazardous levels". This service was originally test marketed to parents with asthmatic children, physical education teachers, and doctors.

## **LATINO VOTE**

**July 8, 2000 ( ) TRT 00:39**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that activists were trying to register thousands more Latino voters in the foothill cities of Pasadena, Burbank, and Glendale. Organizers from the United Farm Workers held a rally and training session at a community center in Pasadena today. The Latino population is growing in the foothill cities, but officials said their voter registration numbers are lagging. The area is the scene of the hottest congressional race in the country as Republican James Rogan seeks re-election.

### **LIFEGUARD SHORT**

**JULY 10, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that dozens of people in cities like Compton may have had to find another way to cool off. Those days – “A dip in the pool” may not be possible. A shortage of “lifeguards” caused southern L.A. county officials to temporarily “shut down” some community pools. There were a total of ’15 pools in southern L-A County, and only “50” lifeguards to go around. Although it meant no water play for many folks, officials say they’d rather be safe than sorry.

### **HOSPITAL CLOSING**

**JULY 12, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:50**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a community roared up over plans to close an east Long Beach hospital. Some 500-people, including neighborhood residents and hospital staff, filled a high school auditorium that night to voice their concern over the closing of the Long Beach Community Medical Center. The Long Beach City Council said it would sue the hospital’s owners if the closure takes place. The owners, Catholic Healthcare, said it had to close because the hospital had lost so much money.

### **ACADEMY AWARDS**

**July 12, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:48**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the new home of the Academy Awards got a new name today. Starting in the year 2002, the Oscars will be held at the new “Kodak Theater” located in a new 567-million dollar complex at Hollywood and Highland. Mayor Riordan was on hand for today’s ceremonies...The project includes night spots, broadcast facilities, retail outlets, and restaurants. Besides being home to the academy awards, the theater will be the venue for a number of other major entertainment events. The Eastman Kodak Company will pay 75-million dollars over twenty years for the naming rights.

### **STUDENTS ART**

**July 12, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:43**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported this story among the city’s neediest children. But today, the kids at the “Inner City Arts” Center had a chance to show Mayor Riordan just how rich in spirit they can be. The mayor, for his part, quickly got in touch with his inner child as he romped and skipped with the kids. His honor also toured the facility and walked away quite impressed. The highly acclaimed non-profit arts center serves more than 450 low-income students daily.

### **HEAD LICE**

**July 12, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:44**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the FDA has approved a pesticide-free treatment for head lice. According to the centers for disease control, between six to twelve million people worldwide are infected with head lice each year. The small parasitic insects are transferred by sharing combs and brushes as well as placing coats next to each other, and those infestations are most apparent at the beginning of the school year with pre-school and elementary school children most prone. The pesticide-free treatment "Klout" has now been cleared for marketing by the FDA. The manufacturer says the treatment is over 99 percent effective.

### **JAWS BEACH ADS**

**July 13, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:33**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that 'art' comes a little too close to imitating 'life.' Thanks to hundreds of posters advertising the movie Jaws, some folks may never go in the water again. 'Advertisers at Universal Studios Home Video' said they meant only to drum up publicity for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the movie. But some beachgoers at places like Playa Del Rey said the ads scare little children and can easily be misinterpreted as a valid warning 'not' to go into the water. Because it's creating such a problem, Universal Studios may abandon the ad campaign and take the posters down.

### **STUDY RED LIGHT**

**July 13, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:55**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported something that you see on almost a daily basis, and something that you have probably done at one time or another. But today there is word that more than 800 people die a year because of drivers who run red lights. A new study shows that more than 200 thousand people are injured each year because of those same lead-footed drivers. The insurance institute for highway safety found that fatal crashes at traffic signals increased 18 percent from 1992 to 1998. As you can guess California is no exception to this statistic. Our state is the 8<sup>th</sup> most dangerous state when it comes to red light crashes. Arizona is the worst. As for some cities, the worst is Phoenix with nearly 11 red light deaths for every thousand residents. The most dangerous California city is Fresno. It's followed by Anaheim at number 23, and Los Angeles with 4.4 deaths per 100 thousand and residents and Riverside.

## **45 YEARS DISNEYLAND**

**July 17, 2000 ( ) TRT 00:37**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported a celebration at Disneyland—45 years after it opened. When Walt Disney first opened the park, there were 18 attractions. Oscar Martinez was hired as a busboy at Disneyland years ago. He is the longest working employee in Disneyland history. Admission to the park was a dollar when it first opened. Today it costs 41 dollars for adults to visit the house of the mouse.

## **HATE CRIMES UP**

**July 18, 2000 12:00 ( ) TRT 00:38**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported a disturbing trend in the valley. Hate crimes are way up for the first half of this year as compared to the same time last year. Most people will remember the shooting at the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Granada Hills last year. Five people were shot and a postal worker was killed. Avowed supremacist Bufford Furrow is set to go on trial next year for the shootings. This was only one of the incidents that led to the rise. In the valley, hate crimes are up 44 percent, but for the west valley, they're up fifty percent, and that's compared to 32 percent for the entire city.

## **TRAFFIC 511**

**July 21, 2000 10:00 ( ) TRT 00:28**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that soon there will be an easy way to get the 4-1-1 on traffic. Just dial 5-1-1. No matter where you are, it will get you up-to-date traffic information from state and local authorities. The FCC didn't stop with traffic. Soon 2-1-1 will assist families with social services, and 7-1-1 will reach operators for the hearing impaired.

## **DROWNING AWARD**

**July 24, 2000 3:30 ( ) TRT 00:46**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a 10-year old girl was rescued from a pool. She was saved from drowning by her brother and sister. Today, those two children were awarded for their bravery. Jonathan and Stephanie Caughlin are being honored for rescuing their sister from the bottom of a San Clemente pool two weeks ago. Authorities said their quick thinking saved the life of Kristen Caughlin. Her little brother Jonathan was the first to step in pulling his sister out. Yesterday, a 4-year old boy was found at the bottom of a community pool Coda de Caza. That child was reported as being on life support in critical condition.

## **OC EMERGENCIES**

**July 24, 2000 ( ) TRT 00:39**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the Orange County Sheriff and Fire Departments joined forces to better serve the community. It's one of the first such agreements in the state. Officials said the pact will eliminate redundancy making both departments more efficient. They called the deal a "memorandum of understanding". Both organizations said the agreement will be most useful in the wake of an earthquake or Columbine-like shooting at a school.

## **MURDERED KIDS**

**July 29, 2000 ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that loved ones of murder victims are taking an aim against violence. "Justice for murdered children" was the focus at a festival today in San Pedro. L.A.'s police chief Bernard Parks, district attorney Gil Garcetti, entertainers and concerned citizens were on hand at the third annual "Unity Festival and Carnival". They said their goal is to bring awareness to the violence that affects communities. A California's victims' wall was also unveiled during the three-day event.

## **FIREMAN FUNERAL**

**July 31, 2000 ( ) TRT 00:39**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported the memorial service held today for Fullerton Fire Chief Steve Magliocco. He died last month after a three-month battle with stomach cancer. Fire Ladders were crossed as the procession moved from department headquarters to "evangelical free church". Family, friends, and many firefighters attended the service. Magliocco was remembered as someone who was always in control. Magliocco was Fullerton's Fire Chief for nearly five years. He was very involved in the community and often cooked for special events held at the firehouse. Magliocco leaves behind a wife, four children, and six grandchildren. He was just 50 years old.

## **YOUTH CENTER**

**July 31, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:40**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the Salesian Family has a new look. And it came with a price tag of three-and-a-half million dollars. The new state of the art center features computer and learning centers, a large gymnasium, expanded games room, weight-training area, and a family resource center. L.A. police chief Bernard Parks talked about the facility's impact on the community's youth. The center is located at the border of Boyle Heights and city Terrace and has two thousand members.

### **TRUCK TRAFFIC**

**August 1, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:45**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that one Southland community is celebrating a victory today. They hope state funds will mean fewer trucks on their neighborhood streets. State Senator Richard Polanco announced that 2-Million Dollars will be available to widen the off ramp at Olympic and Lemon Streets. Boyle Heights residents organized a community effort to curb diesel truck traffic because of the noise and pollution. Trucks were rerouted to an on-ramp in an industrial section, but truckers complained saying the street and ramp were narrow and difficult to navigate. The California Trucking Association supports the action to widen the intersection and ramp saying it will be much safer for truckers.

### **HEAT AND SENIORS**

**August 2, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:47**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the heat wave had Southland residents "powering up" to cool off while authorities warned of possible energy blackouts. The California independent operating systems center in Alhambra is monitoring energy use. Officials warned that some California customers could see a 1-Hour break in service if people don't conserve. Today, West Hollywood kicked off a "Senior Heat Alert" program with tips on staying cool and conserving energy. Here are some energy-saving tips. Close drapes and blinds. Use fans instead of air conditioners. Run swimming pools and heavy equipment in the early morning or evening, and limit the opening of your refrigerator. Josh Rubenstein will be along to tell us when this muggy heat will roll out of the Southland. That's coming up.

### **DNC PLANNING**

**August 3, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:50**

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that the Democratic National Convention was less than two weeks away. Today, people who live around the Staples Center, the site of the Convention, expressed their frustration with the preparations. Members of the community and clergy were worried that no one was paying attention to their concerns about the event. They want protection, to be sure that they won't be caught between police and protesters. Community leaders say there are a lot of children and elderly people who live around the Staples Center and on nearby Pico Boulevard. They tend to be more vulnerable to the effects of tear gas and pepper spray.

### **AMUSEMENT PARK**

**August 4, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported scary news for people who visit amusement parks. The Consumer Product Safety Commission said the number of injuries at amusement parks around the country has skyrocketed in the past four years. The agency says last year six people were killed and more than 7000 were injured on thrill rides. But amusement industry leader said findings weren't based on hard figures. Still the Safety Commission insists the numbers confirm a startling trend of increasing danger.

### **MURAL PROJECT**

**August 5, 2000 Sat ( ) TRT 00:19**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that a Boyle Heights resident came up with a unique approach to cleaning up the community. Hector Gonzalez works with at risk youth in the community by using art. The youngsters paint over graffiti and replace it with positive murals. Today the group painted the walls of El Sol Restaurant on First Street in Los Angeles.

### **PARENT SURVIVAL**

**August 5, 2000 Sat ( ) TRT 00:33**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that nearly one-thousand parents and their children gathered in Los Angeles today. The Goal: To enhance their quality of life. The program is called Parent Survival 2000. Organizers offer a series of workshops on everything from nutrition to establishing credit. Bank of America and the United Way sponsored the event.

### **I-ZONE**

**August 8, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:46**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the stars found their "zone" helping others. Celebrities turned out in full force for the grand opening of "iZone", a new state of the art salon, learning center, and café. The gala was a benefit for "Planet Hope", and organization that helps homeless families. It was an Egyptian-themed event last night, appropriate since "iZone" is shaped like a pyramid. There were camels and sand dunes, and while some of the guests enjoyed the musical entertainment, others relaxed at the oxygen bar. The salon was designed with Feng Shui to create positive energy. Many of the stars at the gala had very positive things to say about "Planet Hope"—The Organization benefiting from the event—An organization providing year round programs for homeless children. "iZone" is located on Desoto Avenue in Woodland Hills.

### **SHAQ POLICE CARS**

**August 8, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:21**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Laker's MVP Shaquille O'Neal lends a helping hand to the Los Angeles Police Department. Today, he donated more than 42-Thousand dollars to pay for one of the police cars that burned after the Championship Game. Two cruisers went up in flames when crazed fans took to the streets. O'Neal promised to replace one of those cars. The second car will be replaced by the Lakers organization.

### **BOLSA CHICA**

**August 9, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:46**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a controversial plan to build over a thousand new homes near the Bolsa Chica wetlands in Orange County met stiff opposition today. Hundreds of opponents to the plan filled today's meeting of the California Coastal Commission. They say fighting the development is a "Last Stand Issue" and that water quality will suffer if the homes are built. Developers originally proposed building over 57-Hundred homes on the 700-acre parcel. But that plan was cut back to just over 12-hundred homes after protests from local environmental groups.

### **10 STREET SAFETY**

**August 9, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:32**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported the growing concern among parents about traffic signs outside tenth street elementary school. "No stopping signs" have replaced parking signs at the school. Protesters rallied today to oppose the change. Parents say now more traffic is moving at higher speeds increasing the likelihood of kids getting run over. Parents are demanding the city slow down traffic by protesting stop signs near the school.

### **TOFU FESTIVAL**

**August 12, 2000 Sat ( ) TRT 00:32**

KCAL anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that it's been a staple of Asian diets for centuries. Now tofu is winning fans from all cultures and all backgrounds including KCAL's very own Jane Velez-Mitchell. Jane and thousands turned out this afternoon in little Tokyo for the fifth annual tofu festival. There was lots of food, crafts, Taiko drummers and of course tofu! The event hoped to raise public awareness of the health benefits of eating the soy product. It was also a fund-raiser for the little Tokyo Service Center.

### **UNITY RALLY**

**August 13, 2000 SUN 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:44**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that a rally to combat hate crimes, themed "Unity Over Hate" was held in Woodland Hills. Today's rally paid tribute to all hate crime victims. It honored the five people wounded last year at the North Valley Jewish Community Center as well as Joseph Lletto, A Filipino-American mail carrier who died in a related attack. LAPD Chief Bernard Parks was on of the event's speakers. District Attorney Gil Garcetti also talked about strategies used by his office to attack hate activity from all sides, and he urged the community to work with authorities to stamp out hate.

### **RAMPART PROTEST**

**August 16, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:18**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that people marched from the open fields of MacArthur Park to the front steps of the scandal ridden LAPD Rampart Division. Their message—To stop what they say is "Police Brutality, Racial Profiling, and the criminalization of the Community. Our David Goldstein joins us live from Parker Center with the latest. David?

### **HIT N' RUN FUND**

**August 16, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:36**

KCAL anchor Kerry Kilbride reported the death of a toddler and the plight of the child's immigrant family and how it's moved a group of Los Angeles Police Officers to raise money to help bury the child. This was the scene last night after a hit and run driver struck and killed 2 and a half year-old Chris Cajina. It happened in front of his parents at 61<sup>st</sup> and Main Streets. The alleged driver, Leon Sanchez, was arrested a short time later. Police have set up a burial fund at a local bank. If you want to donate, you're urged to call Sgt. Ken Kessner or Officer Kecin Jolivette at the Newton Station. That number is 3-2-3-...8-4-6-6-5-5-0.

### **AFRICAN MARKETPLACE**

**August 19, 2000 Sat ( ) TRT 00:21**

KCAL anchor Dave Clark reported that meanwhile at Rancho Cienega Park sounds of drums beating and sights of colorful arts and crafts filled the streets. The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual African Marketplace and cultural Fair is officially underway starting today. The theme: "A Millennial Celebration of Africa's Spanish and Latin Legacy." The festival runs three weeks. General admission is \$3. It's \$1.50 for seniors and children under ten.

### **THANKS LAPD**

**August 21, 2000 2:00 ( ) TRT 00:47**

KCAL9 anchor Andre Moreau reported that community leaders and residents came together today to say "Thank You" to the LAPD for their job during the Democratic Convention. The group gathered this morning at the Van Nuys Police Department. They presented Police Chief Bernard Parks and his Officers with a special card of appreciation for a job well done during the DNC. Chief Parks also took time to thank the 3000 volunteers who helped the officers during the convention.

### **BOYSCOUTS GAYS**

**August 21, 2000 ( ) TRT 00:26**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the West Hollywood City Council is denouncing the Supreme Court decision that gives the Boy Scouts of America the right to exclude gays. The council approved a resolution tonight calling for President Clinton to resign as honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America. To show his solidarity to the gay community. Council members say the decision of the Supreme Court seems to indicate that a "gay" person can't be morally straight in this country.

### **HIGHWAY/VOTE PETITION**

**August 23, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:32**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a group working to make Hollywood its own city is celebrating tonight. They have taken the first big step to making cityhood happen. Members of the group called "Hollywood Vote" left Hollywood on a trolley bus to hand over 38,000 signatures to the local agency formation commission. They needed to collect at least 20,000 signatures to trigger a formal secession study. The commission has 30 days to validate the signatures. Next, it will begin a feasibility study of Hollywood cityhood.

### **YOUTH FESTIVAL**

**August 27, 2000 Sun ( ) TRT 00:37**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported a big day in Panorama City as hundreds of Southland families and teenagers turn out for the "Victory Over Violence Summer Festival" in Panorama City. Latin Dancers entertained the crowd—All joined together in a common cause—Peace on the streets. The "Victory Over Violence" program was developed to combat the rising crime rate. The free event included an art exhibit—lots of food, from burgers to Thai, and music by local bands. The goal of the festival is to raise young people's awareness about violence and inspire them to find ways to overcome it in their own lives.

### **MUSEUM CELEBRATION**

**August 27, 2000 Sun ( ) TRT 00:42**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported sadness and celebration today in the San Fernando Valley. While one children's museum closes its doors, another is breaking ground. It was a day for the children at the park in Lake View Terrace. The activities included swimming, balloons, and face painting by local artists. The park is the future site of a new children's museum helping to replace the children's museum that closed downtown. Cardenas helped secure 2.5 million dollars in state funds to build the Hansen Dam Museum. Construction is expected to begin later this year.

### **BLIND GOLFERS**

**August 28, 2000 2:00 ( ) TRT 00 :54**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that some people are learning what it's like to be blind as part of a fundraising golf tournament in Tarzana. It's the 10<sup>th</sup> annual "International Guiding Eyes Foundation" Golf Classic. Michael Russell is a blind golfer on the Special Olympics team. He competed against golfers who were blind-folded for the longest and straightest drives. They weren't quite "up to par" with their swings as compared to Olympian Russell. Russell pretty much outshot everyone. Not to be left out, Golden and Labradorian Retrievers and German Shepherd guide dogs in training were there at various holes to greet the golfers. "Guide Dogs of America" was founded in 1948. It provides dogs for the blind here in the U.S.A. and in Canada free of charge.

### **HOLIDAY MASS**

**September 4, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that many people celebrate Labor Day at a barbecue or just by relaxing at home. But hundreds of people in Los Angeles celebrated by going to mass. Cardinal Roger Mahoney led the congregation in today's service. The event also marked the Catholic observance of the "Jubilee Day of Workers". The day honored working people and celebrates the meaning and value of earning a living.

### **HAPP BDAY LA**

**September 4, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:35**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Los Angeles turned 219. Angelinos celebrated in the spot where it all began. There was plenty of birthday cake on Olivera Street. There was also live music and a piñata for the youngsters. Earlier in the day, city leaders and others walked the nine mile path taken by the early Spanish settlers. In 1781, they traveled from the Mission San Gabriel to the Los Angeles River. That's where they set up camp and declared it: El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles, the Town of the Queen of Angels.

### **MTA TALKS**

**September 5, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that MTA union representing drivers and dispatchers have agreed to extend the existing contract through Saturday. But the mechanics union has made no such promise. It said that unless there is a new contract today, the mechanics may walk off the job tomorrow. The MTA's collective bargaining agreements with its three major unions were to have expired at midnight. More than 500-thousand people depend on the MTA for transportation.

### **KISSING CLASS**

**September 5, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:35**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that author William Cone has written several books on the fine art of kissing. Cone travels the country teaching young, inexperienced romantics how to kiss. The place women liked to be kissed most aside from the mouth is the neck.

### **LA UNSAFE PERCEPTION**

**September 7, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:00**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the City of Angels has made it onto another negative list: A new Gallop Poll said Americans perceive Los Angeles as one of the most "unsafe" cities in the U.S. 60% of those polled believe that L.A., New York, and Miami are "unsafe" cities. Half of those polled felt that Chicago, Detroit, and Washington D.C., were also unsafe. Meanwhile, the poll ranked Minneapolis and Seattle as the "safest" cities.

### **DR LAURA PROTEST**

**September 11, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that dozens of protesters stood outside Paramount Studios which produced the Dr. Laura Show. The protesters wanted the show to go off the air. Attorney Gloria Allred was among speakers. She urged people not to watch the show.

### **TRAFFIC TROUBLE**

**September 11, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:23**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the East L.A. interchange has made the list as one of the nation's worst commuter hot spots by the American Automobile Association. More than a half a million vehicles go through the transition areas of the 5, 10, 60, and 101 freeways with several lane changes and traffic tie-ups. Other traffic clogged areas listed were in Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, and Washington D.C.

### **HOLLYWOOD BOWL**

**September 12, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:20**

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that The Hollywood Bowl will undergo a major make over of more than 17 million dollars. Today, the County Board of Supervisors approved the money to renovate the 71-year old trademark shell. L.A. philharmonic officials want to build a bigger and more modern structure with better acoustics. The money will also go to other improvements beneath the stage.

### **DADS IN DRAG**

**September 13, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:00**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that some dads dressed in drag to Britney Spears at the MTV Video Music Awards. Their daughters entered them in a contest. The top prize was free concert and backstage tickets to meet the pop princess. In our opinion, win or lose, these men deserve the father of the year award!

### **SPRUCE GOOSE**

**September 18, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:26**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Howard Hughes built the wooden plane during WWII when metal was scarce. It has a wing span longer than a football field and weighs 400-thousand pounds. The plane was stored in a custom built dome in Long Beach until 1992 when it was moved out of the state. It was moved again over the weekend to the aviation museum in Oregon. It will take five months to put the plane back together.

### **MTA UPDATE**

**September 19, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:28**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the MTA strike headed into its fifth day the main issue worked out today between the representatives of the MTA and the striking union was an agreement to meet again tomorrow. The two sides along with state mediators met behind closed doors. They came out showing a small sign of progress as the sides shook hands agreeing to return to the table. The transit strike has stranded about 450,000 riders.

### **METRO ANGELS**

**September 20, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:00**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that there's a service called Metro Angels providing a local car pool service and hot-line regarding the progress of the strike. You can call 1-800-COMMUTE or area code 213-626-4455 for ride-sharing and information. Volunteer help is appreciated.

### **CHILD SAFETY SEAT**

**September 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:11**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that if you have children, you need to hear this—A stricter law will be passed to ensure children's safety in two years. Governor Davis signed a bill today which will stiffen safety seat requirements for youngsters.

### **ROSH HASHANA**

**September 29, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:40**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Jews around the world were observing their holy day of remembrance. More than 200 students from the Temple Emanuel Day School in Beverly Hills participated in a model service. The program included traditional prayers and blowing of Shofar, which represents the calling of the Jewish people to a spiritual awakening. Rosh Hashanah is the only festival observed for two days in Israel.

### **PET STORE FIRE**

**September 29, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:32**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that firefighters made a dramatic rescue inside a pet store. The fire broke out this morning at a Hyde Park strip mall on Western Avenue. Quick work by the fire fighters kept the blaze contained to the word working shop where it began. Firefighters then turned their attention to saving the lives of those who couldn't save themselves. It was an act of heroism that made a big impression on the pet store's owner . Sadly four puppies did not survive along with several birds and hamsters. Damage was estimated at 60 thousand dollars.

## CONSUMER ISSUES

### FINANCIAL WEBSITES

July 5, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:48

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the Internet now provides consumers with thousands of financial sites, many of which are free! But analysts said those free sites aren't for every investor. Analysts said most of the "free" sites benefit people who are new to investing and want to learn basic money management. But for more in-depth financial planning experts recommend more sophisticated sites. Cost of these services vary depending on the level of advice and guidance users receive. These sites such as "Direct Advice Dot Com" also store users' information, and allow them to make adjustments to their investment plans.

### HIGH-TECH BABY TOYS

July 6, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:42

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Harry Potter may have been the latest craze for kids but for babies its the high-tech Intelli-table. Fisher Price unveiled a new interactive play experience. It uses so-called "Imbedded" technology which allows for more imaginative play. The Intelli-Table teaches the basics, like the A-B-C's and the 1-2-3's, it incorporates thinking skills, and utilizes visual effects. Experts said its the best way to prepare children for the future. The Intelli-Table, which uses Microsoft's smart technology, geared for children nine months and up.

### UNEMPLOYMENT

July 7, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that Uncle Sam was out with the latest report on jobs and unemployment. Last month the unemployment rate went down to four percent, one of the lowest unemployment rates in three decades. But there were very few new jobs created last month. Only eleven thousand and that's only a fraction of the 250 thousand new jobs that were expected. That's a sign that the economy has slowed down because of those interest were expected. That's a sign that the economy is slowing down because of those interest rate hikes by the federal government and because of higher oil prices.

### **RECYCLED AIR BAGS**

**July 10, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:41**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that air bags have come more widely into use. Motorists whose air bags have deployed in a car crash or have been stolen now have a choice. They can buy a new or a used air bag. A new one costs a thousand bucks, a used one 200 dollars. Some car dealers say the used air bags are safe if installed by a reputable dealer, but critics disagree. Whichever air bag you choose experts advise you ask for documentation that shows you're getting what you paid for.

### **GAS MONEY**

**July 11, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:39**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that people at a new web site were out in force trying to ease the pain a bit. Employees from "Lower-My-Bills-Dot-Com" were handing out cash to motorists. They went to gas stations in North Hollywood and Studio City armed with crisp dollar bills for everyone who filled up. It was a way of giving consumers a break after a summer of soaring gas prices.

### **COFFEE PRICES**

**July 13, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:31**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that world coffee prices are going up. It's because of a new frost in the growing region of Brazil. On the commodity markets today the price of coffee shot up almost 12%, an increase of about eleven cents a pound. No real damaged was reported, but its the fear of more cold weather that has driven up prices on the commodity markets.

### **TEQUILA SHORTAGE**

**July 18, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:24**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the demand for tequila has doubled sending prices skyrocketing! That's put a strain on the four regions of Mexico where the Blue Agave plant grows. They're planting more, but they take ten years to mature.

### **TOY RECALL**

**July 19, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that Kentucky Fried Chicken has announced a recall of thousands of children's toys. The recall involves 425-thousand toys included with KFC "Kids Meals". The "Tangled Treeples" toy includes a green plastic container with plastic animal figures inside. The trouble is the bottom of the container with plastic animal figures inside. The trouble is with the bottom of the container posed a suffocation threat so they recalled the toy.

### **GAS PRICES**

**July 19, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:21**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the California Automobile Association found people are paying more for gas than any place in the country. Average gas prices have climbed 10-cents in Southern California and a whopping 14 cents in the bay area.

### **AIRLINES/WEBSITE**

**July 20, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:49**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the "nation's major airlines" want to combine Internet forces for selling tickets, but some congressional lawmakers think they're just trying to keep prices high. Airline officials argue it helped them cut costs and save money for travelers. Consumer groups and travel agents said it's just the opposite. Committee members are also hearing complaints from "Online Travel sites" making big profits, helping consumers look for lower fares.

### **PHONE BILLS**

**July 24, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:46**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that members of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissions and the FCC teamed up for a meeting designed to protect consumers. The group has looked for ways telephone companies can eliminate slamming while incorporating truth-in-billing.

### **CATERPILLAR TOY**

**July 24, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:24**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the "Wiggle Waggle Caterpillar" toy has been recalled. Children can easily choke on the balls attached to the toy. One death has been linked to the toy-A five-month old girl. The commission says that if you have one, you should send it back to the company for a replacement toy.

### **ATT PROFITS**

**July 25, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:52**

KCAL9 anchor Alan Mendelson reported that AT&T the big phone company reported a big increase in profits, and its not from long traditional long distance services. AT&T said its profits during the second quarter rose by eighteen percent. The profits came from its wireless phone business and from its cable TV operations. Analysts said that AT&T is losing money from its traditional long distance service, and the company is pledging to cut costs by two billion dollars in an effort to make the long distance business profitable again. Because of deregulation, there are too many low-cost competitors in the long distance business. Two other companies reporting big profits are Chevron and Exxon-Mobile.

### **INTERNET PRIVACY**

**July 26, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:27**

KCAL anchor Terry Merryman reported that the Federal Trade Commission gave thumbs up to a plan by Internet Advertisers, which would regulate what information they gather from web surfers and how they use it. The deal allows consumers to choose whether they want anonymous data on the Internet for profiling purposes, as well as determining if the information previously collected can identify purposes.

### **POWER SAVE**

**August 1, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:40**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that with temperatures soaring sin Southern California, officials have declared a stage-two power emergency. This means large commercial customers like the California Institute of Arts have been asked to curtail power. The businesses voluntarily agree to conserve power in exchange for a discount in rates. However, officials said if we want to remain comfortable, we should all be willing to cut back. Officials said one of the best ways to conserve energy is to set your thermostat at 78 degrees and close your drapes.

### **HEAT & SENIORS**

**August 2, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:47**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the California Independent Operating Systems Center in Alhambra is monitoring energy use. Officials warned some California customers could see a 1-hour break in service if people don't conserve.

### **BANK FEES**

**August 3, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:21**

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that a Federal Reserve study found larger banks are charging more for services than smaller banks. The study also showed customers are being charged for services that were free ten years ago. Banking officials defend the fee, saying they are needed to keep basic charges affordable. The study was based on inquiries of one thousand financial Institutions.

### **NETSCAPE BUG**

**August 8, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Netscape customers have been warned to look out for a security problem. Computer experts said there was a hole in Netscape's browser. IT already let thousands of computers get involved. Hackers can click through a victim's computer and see, run, and delete files. Netscape does not have a remedy, for now the company suggested users temporarily disable Java within the program. The hole exists in Netscape Communicator Versions 4.74 and earlier. Microsoft's Internet Explorer is not vulnerable to this problem.

### **PRINCE NAPSTER**

**August 10, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Prince spoke out on-line about the Napster controversy. The Mega-Star musician claims record companies are not concerned about protecting artists' property. Prince says they think true music lovers will only support bands they enjoy. He said executives fear they won't buy the latest chart topper anymore just because it's a hit.

### **UNITED AIRLINES**

**August 17, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:26**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Frequent Flyer Miles could soon be really added up for some United Airlines customers. The airline expected to reward its passengers who fly most often by doubling their Frequent Flyer Miles. It's a perk, meant to cheer up customers after a summer of delayed and canceled flights. Frequent business travelers brought in almost half the airline's income. United Airlines said it will lose as much as 150 million dollars this quarter because of recent flight cancellations and delays.

### **DEBIT CARDS**

**August 19, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:46**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that more people have chosen to make purchases with debit cards. If you're one of them, there are some risks you should know about. Debit cards work much like credit cards, but they don't come with the same protections. With a credit card, a consumer is liable for up to \$50 if the card is stolen. However, with a debit card, it can range from 50 to 500 dollars. Consumer groups urge customers to check with their banks about debit card liability.

### **FREE PRESCRIPTIONS**

**August 21, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:26**

KCAL9 anchor Andre Moreau reported that there's a web site that spelled it out—How many drug companies offer free drugs to customers who are strapped for cash. It's a run by a group of volunteers dedicated to helping out the increasing number of patients who can't afford their medications.

### **NEW HOME SALES**

**August 29, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:35**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that Uncle Sam said that new home sales last month shot up by nearly fifteen percent, and that was more than expected. Here in the West, new home sales were up 23 percent, and nationwide, home prices were up. A mid-priced home last month went up by nearly four percent. Mortgage rates were slipping again, there were signs that the housing market could keep roaring ahead. It looks like this year will be the second best year for home sales in history with last year the best year ever.

### **ANTI-TOBACCO**

**August 30, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:39**

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that a major tobacco company went under fire again, this time for its huge advertising campaign. Consumer and health advocates said the massive campaign by Phillip Morris is deceptive by trying to hide its negative reputation behind its charitable donations. Health officials pushed local organizations to refuse donations by tobacco companies.

### **CAR REGISTRATION**

**September 5, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:35**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that California drivers would soon see a promised cut in car registration fees, but you'll have to pay the full amount first. The fee cuts, which start next year, come in the form of rebate checks in the mail, but not until "after" you pay up. That amount can be a great deal or a bust depending on who you talk to. Governor Gray Davis likes the plan but other lawmakers don't. They tried to change the bill at the last minute to give motorists the fee cut up-front but failed.

### **FED EX/USPS**

**September 7, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that two package delivery giants could be teaming up to save money and beat the competition. Talks were in the works between Fed-EX and the U.S. Postal Service to join forces against UPS. If the partnership goes through, FED-EX would deliver all priority and express mail in the U.S. through its vast network. The U.S. Postal Service would deliver slower moving packages to rural areas FED-EX doesn't reach. Both companies said the partnership will make them more competitive.

### **KMART VIDEOS**

**September 7, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:21**

KCAL anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the Kmart store chain would soon be enforcing a new policy. Cashiers will card anyone buying violent video games with the mature rating. You must be at least 17 years old to buy those games. Kmart executives made the new policy announcement on Capitol Hill. It's their response to pressure from lawmakers to step up efforts to prevent children from buying violent video games. Kmart's new policy will go into effect at Kmart stores in a few weeks.

### **OIL PRICES**

**September 11, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:00**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the world reacted to OPEC's decision about raising oil production, and the reaction was – "not good enough". World oil prices shot up to the highest levels since the war against Iraq ten years ago. Traders worry that quotas will not meet the world-wide demand for oil. Shipping costs went up for imported merchandise including this patio furniture sold in Santa Monica.

### **SHOPPING STRESS**

**September 12, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:23**

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that some women might have a hard time relating to this, but a new study out of Britain shows going to the mall is a nerve-racking experience for men. According to the study, men and women view shopping very differently, something many of us already suspected. The findings showed, as soon as men step foot into the mall, their blood pressure and heart rates jump. Some experts attributed anxiety to a greater variety of men's clothing.

### **KRISPY KREME**

**September 12, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:32**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the taste of sweet success is now calling the revitalized Crenshaw district home. Mayor Riordan and Councilman Nate Holden were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony. The same area that erupted in flames during the 1992 Los Angeles riots.

### **AVON PRODUCTS**

**September 18, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:15**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Avon said it is partnering with Sears and J.C. Penney. The company said it will continue its direct selling approach, but will offer a new line of products at the department stores. Avon has been around since 1886, and it's sold door to door in more than 135 countries. They're hoping the new move will help the company accelerate sales growth.

### **TACO BELL CORN**

**September 18, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a genetically engineered corn that was banned for human use turned up in Taco Bell shells sold in grocery stores. That's according to a study by a coalition of bio-tech food critics. No word yet on "Taco Bell" outlets also use the corn. The report said the corn is approved for animals, but not for humans because it is too hard to digest and may cause allergic reactions. The taco Bell shells tested were made in Mexico and distributed by Kraft Foods. The FDA is investigating.

### **TIRE RECALL**

**September 19, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Ford Motor Company announced more problems. Continental General Tires is expected to recall 40,000 standard issue tires on the Lincoln Navigator. The 16-inch tires were issued on the 1998 and 99 vehicles. There were reports that pieces of the tread were coming off. Ford, which makes the SUV and Continental, will reportedly make the recall announcement tomorrow. Ford said so far there have been no reports of serious accidents or fatalities stemming from the tires.

### **NIKE COMMERCIAL**

**September 19, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:40**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Nike's newest Olympic commercial isn't winning any medals. The ad features long distance runner Suzy Favor Hamilton in a spoof of a horror movie. Hamilton eventually outruns the out-of-shape chainsaw wielding man. But the edgy ad maybe proving to be a nightmare for Nike and NBC. Thousands have complained, so NBC yanked it.

### **GAS PRICES**

**September 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:35**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that President Clinton ordered the release of 30 million barrels of oil from the country's strategic reserve supplies. The President said he wanted to make sure there was enough heating oil for the coming winter months. It was also hoped the action would nudge down oil prices.

### **MEDIA VIOLENCE**

**September 26, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:24**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Hollywood Studios joined forces to answer critics of the way they market entertainment to kids. On the eve of new congressional hearings that could lead to government regulations, the studios offered a plan of their own to protect children from R-rated excesses. Studios said they would provide more information about film ratings to parents, appoint compliance officers to review marketing, exclude children from research screening on R-rated films, and encourage theaters to keep children out of grown-up films. Lawmakers plan to get these promises on the record tomorrow.

## **CRIME ISSUES**

### **FIREWORKS ROBBERY**

**July 1, 2000 Sat ( ) TRT 00:18**

KCAL9 anchor Dilva Henry reported in Palmdale, members of the non-profit United Community Action Network are clearing up after their fireworks stand was robbed. About eight thousand dollars worth of fireworks and electronics equipment was stolen. Four teenagers and 2 adults have been arrested in connection with the crime. The fireworks stand is an annual fund-raiser for at-risk kids.

### **CIRCLE K ROBBERY**

**July 3, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:28**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported a man with a gun held up a Moreno Valley convenience store and the crime was caught on tape. Now deputies want your help tracking down the robber. It took place June 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 P.M. A man walked into a Circle K and pretended to buy a drink. At the counter he pulled out a gun. He got away with a small amount of money. The suspect had a tattoo on each arm. If you have any information please contact the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

### **TRIPLE SHOOTING**

**July 3, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:22**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that an outburst of violence gunfire in Willowbrook tonight left one person dead, two in the hospital. It happened in the 1400 block of 118<sup>th</sup> Street. Suspects just walked up and fired at some people on the street. One man was dead at the scene and paramedics took two others for medical care. Police searched the area questioning and detaining some, but no suspects arrested so far.

### **PIER SHOOTING**

**July 5, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:45**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported workers on the Santa Monica Pier that day who tried to put their Fourth of July terror behind them. Meanwhile, two suspects accused in yesterday's pier shooting remained behind bars. Workers re-traced the violence that left five people shot, and turned 15 others into hostages. Marlene Gordon runs the Playland arcade a fixture of fun and games on the pier for decades. The arcade is where this man—Oswald Amezcua was accused of holding 15 people hostage for several hours. After he and another suspect Jose Florez allegedly fired at police, three officers were shot as were two bystanders. None of their injuries, however, were life-threatening. And reportedly, they could be released from the hospital sometime that day.

### **PRISON POPULATION**

**July 5, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:11**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that for the first time in two decades, California's prison population is dropping. Prison officials say the strong economy, lower crime rates, and improved parolee supervision is responsible for the decline.

### **WEAPONS DESTROYED**

**July 7, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:40**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that thousands of weapons went up in smoke and put to more constructive use. It's all part of the annual gun destruction program. Each of these weapons was seized during a crime. Each has a different story behind it. The guns were put into a massive furnace, melted, and transformed into rebar for construction. Five Southland counties took part in the program, which was now its seventh year.

### **VIOLENCE PRESSURE**

**July 9, 2000 Sun ( ) TRT 00:34**

KCAL anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that growing crimes prompted a new fight against violence. Dozens of community activists—including concerned mothers and gang members, met that day outside a funeral home in the Crenshaw District and voiced concern over the recent rash of shootings. Community members are being asked if they see crimes to report them. City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas, whose district has been hard hit by violence hosted a meeting the day after offering solutions.

### **CITY VIOLENCE**

**July 10, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:41**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that an alarming rise in violent crime in Los Angeles is sparking action in the form of words. Community leaders held two separate meetings, looking for ways to stop the violence. Assemblyman Antonio Villaraigosa, a candidate for Mayor, and Supervisor Yvonne Braithwaite-Burke hosted a community forum at first A.M.E. Church. Also, councilman Mark Ridley Thomas had been meeting privately with the LAPD, community leaders, and gang intervention activists.

### **POSH PRISONS**

**July 11, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:35**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that if you do the crime, presumably you do the time. But some prisoners have found out that county jail isn't the only lock-up in town, especially if you're willing to pay for some cozy digs. In L.A. County, you can rent a quieter and nicer cell with prices between 40 and 145 dollars a night. But should prisoners be allowed to rent a cell with the comforts of home? K-ABC Talk Radio Host Larry Elder wanted to know your thoughts. E-Mail him right now with your thoughts at Soundwaves at KCAL.com, and join our live discussion coming up in the news this afternoon at 3:30.

### **DNC PROTEST**

**July 12, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:39**

KCAL9 anchor Terry Merryman reported that organizers were calling protesters to action, planning for next month's Democratic National Convention. Those planning protests outlined their agendas for the day. They realize there is a concern that violence could break out, like what happened after the L.A. Lakers won the championship, but said they were training people to be non-violent. The focus of the protests were on a range of themes including: economic inequality, elimination of Third World debt, racism, poverty, and other social injustice issues.

### **GORE/NAACP**

**July 12, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:43**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Vice President Al Gore was in Baltimore speaking at the NAACP convention. There were hugs all around as the apparent Democratic Presidential Nominee entered the Convention Hall. In his speech, Gore pledged his support for public schools, hate crime legislation, and an end to so-called "racial profiling" by police. The bottom line: Gore said he, and not Bush, is the true friend of the black community. Governor George W. Bush addressed the convention earlier that week.

### **D.A. DEBATE**

**July 12, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:22**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported earlier that day the contenders for the District Attorney's office squaring off. The debate pitted incumbent Gil Garcetti against challenger Steve Cooley. The two took on local issues such as the ongoing Rampart Crisis, increased gang violence, and state-wide issues like "three strikes". The day's debate was sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Bar Association and the Woodland Hills and Encino Chambers of Commerce.

### **VAN PURSUIT**

**July 12, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:46**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported six people were in custody that night following a shooting that led to a wild and dangerous police chase on Southland streets. We caught up with the suspects as they criss-crossed streets in a rusty green van. They tossed out their weapons, and eventually, one by one, bailed themselves out. A spike strip finally slowed the van down and soon the chase was over. The trouble started about 45-minutes earlier in East Rancho Dominguez with a drive-by shooting. A Pine Tree is a permanent reminder of the violence. The suspects face several charges including assault with a deadly weapon, felony evading, and driving without a license.

### **PURSUIT SENTENCE**

**July 13, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:32**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a third person convicted in connection with a Malibu bank robbery last year was sentenced for providing a getaway car. This was video of the high speed pursuit that followed that robbery of a Bank of America. The suspects are seen driving on the 405 freeway in a second car used in the heist. Kim Bailey was convicted of providing the other car in the crime. She was sentenced to five years probation. Two other suspects in the case have already been sentenced. Another suspect was paralyzed when they crashed into the center divider.

### **DOUBLE SHOOTING**

**July 13, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:49**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that detectives were investigating a double homicide in South Los Angeles. The shooting happened this morning in front of a home on East 79<sup>th</sup> Street. Investigators said the gunman walked up to a 25-year old man exchanged words, then shot him minutes later. The gunman also shot a 45-year old man standing nearby. Some say the older man was shot because he witnessed the crime. Investigators were trying to determine if the shooting was gang related.

### **WOMAN SHOT**

**July 13, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:20**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported a deadly shooting in the Moreno Valley. A woman was fatally shot in the driveway of her home in the 11,000 block of Night Shadow Drive. The prime suspect, the woman's own husband. He called police to report the crime. Neighbors said the couple was in the process of getting a divorce.

### **WORKPLACE VIOLENCE**

**July 18, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:29**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that one man is in the hospital, and another is in jail after an outbreak of workplace violence in the City of Industry. Paramedics rushed a 61-year-old worker at the Astrospar Corporation to the hospital in serious condition. Sheriff's deputies arrested a 25-year-old fellow worker. They say both men got into an argument during a break with the younger man returning later and stabbing the victim in the back with a four-inch knife. The suspect has been identified as Higinio Alvarez. He's being held on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon.

### **GIRL SEX ASSAULT**

**July 19, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported a disturbing crime. A fifteen year old girl assaulted at knife-point. It happened around ten-thirty this morning in a Corona Del Mar Beach dressing room. The suspect: The woman seen in composite sketch. The fifteen year-old said the suspect called her into the restroom and pulled a knife. The girl was shaken up in the attack but was otherwise unhurt.

### **RAMPART COPS**

**July 26, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:46**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported more fallout in the LAPD corruption scandal. Six officers face charges of misconduct after a shooting that left one man dead and two injured. The internal police department charges are the most serious administrative action taken yet. Former gang officer and informant Rafael Perez claims the 1996 shooting was "dirty". He said officers shot the victims, planted a gun, and made up a story to cover their tracks. 21-year-old Juan Saldana died in the shooting. Prosecutors are also following up on the charges. Meanwhile, sources say prosecutors are struggling to build their case.

### **SHOOTING BARRICADE**

**July 26, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:44**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported the search continued that afternoon for a suspected gunman who shot and critically wounded a 17-year-old girl. It began in Hawthorne with a car-to-car shooting that police believe is gang-related. Officers say after the shooting the suspect fled to this home in Lennox and barricaded himself. The SWAT team was called out. But when officers entered the home this morning, the suspect was not there. The injured girl was a passenger in one of the cars. The car believed to have been used in the shooting was parked in the home's driveway. It was impounded for evidence.

### **RIALTO SHOOTING**

**July 29, 2000 Sat ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Leyne Nguyen reported that a man, described as mentally slow, was shot and killed by a Rialto Police Officer. Officers got a call about a naked man running around on West Ramona street this afternoon. They arrived to find the 22-year-old in front of his house. Authorities say he had a large kitchen knife and tried to stab officers. They fired two shots, both hit the suspect. He was pronounced dead at a local hospital. The shooting is under investigation.

### **MURDERED KIDS**

**July 29, 2000 Sat ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that loved ones of murder victims took an aim against violence. "Justice For Murdered Children", was the focus that day in San Pedro. L.A.'s Police Chief Bernard Parks, District Attorney Gil Garcetti, entertainers and concerned citizens were on hand at the third annual "Unity Festival and Carnival". They said their goal is to bring awareness to the violence that affects communities. A California's victims' wall was also unveiled during the three day event.

### **FREEWAY SHOOTING**

**August 1, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:28**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that one man was killed, and two others were hurt in a shooting on the Hollywood Freeway. It happened at about midnight on the 101 Freeway near the 10 Freeway transition. The driver of this car was shot, and the car then crashed into the center divider. The two passengers inside were hurt, but their injuries were not thought to be life-threatening. Police think the car-to-car shooting may have been gang-related. The freeway was shut down for several hours while police investigated the crime.

### **SHOOTING SURVIVOR**

**August 5, 2000 Sat ( ) TRT 00:19**

They called it "the gathering for peace". Survivors of school violence remember the victims. Those attending today's event in Ontario released balloons as the names of victims were read. The festival was part of a two-day gathering on school violence sponsored by the Ontario Police Department.

### **TEENS SLAIN**

**August 5, 2000 Sat ( ) TRT 00:31**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that a teen arrested on suspicion the beating deaths of two Glendale boys is speaking out. 19-year old Adam Walker said he did not commit the murders and had no idea what happened. Police arrested Walker in connection with the deaths of 14-year old Blaine Talmo and 13-year old Chris McCulloch. The two were bludgeoned to death last month on a Glendale elementary school playground. Police released walker after citing insufficient evidence. They later charged Michael Demirdjian for the crime. Walker is back in jail on unrelated burglary charges.

### **HOMELESS PROTEST**

**August 8, 12:00 P.M ( ) TRT 00:48**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that urination in the streets could soon be a crime, and homeless activists were up in arms. Today a group of homeless people and advocates marched from Dome City to City Hall. They carried rolls of toilet paper in their hands to make their point. They fought a proposed city ordinance that would fine people \$1000 for urinating or defecating in public with possible jail time.

### **CYPRESS RAPE**

**August 8, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a rapist was on the loose. The suspect broke into a home in this neighborhood after midnight Sunday and raped a woman while two children slept in another room. The man spoke in Spanish threatening to hurt anyone else in the house if the victim cried out. The attacks shocked a community where crime seldom occurs. Police looked for a light colored van that was spotted in the neighborhood the night of the attack

### **RANDY KRAFT**

**August 11, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:27**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the Supreme Court has upheld the death sentence for one of the nation's most notorious serial killers. The state's high court unanimously denied a new trial bid by Randy Kraft. Kraft was convicted in 1989 of brutalizing and murdering 16 young men during an 11-year crime spree in Orange County. Many of his victims were hitchhikers that he gave drugs and alcohol before sexually torturing and murdering. Kraft is also suspected of killing 21 others in California.

### **CRIME AWARENESS**

**August 13, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:20**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported a huge effort to clean up crime. Delegates to the Democratic Convention joined forces with city councilman Mike Hernandez to distribute material on a civic clean-up. The material teaches residents how to remove graffiti and who to call on for city maintenance. They hope their efforts will not only beautify the community but also increase efforts to reduce crime.

### **ACLU PROTESTS**

**August 16, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:26**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the ACLU is filed a lawsuit against the LAPD. The lawsuit claims police targeted members of the media during the violence near Staples Center on the first night of the Democratic National Convention. ACLU officials and Senator Tom Hayden said thousands of innocent people were injured during Monday night's melee. The incident occurred after police pulled the plug on the band "Rage Against The Machine". Both Hayden and the ACLU called for an independent investigation of the incident.

### **TODDLER SHOT**

**August 17, 2000 3:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:44**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a toddler in Compton was standing in his house last night when a hail of bullets suddenly came through the door and wall. Fifteen month old Jay-Zahn Martinez was hit. A bullet pierced his lung. He's still in the hospital this afternoon. He's expected to be okay. Authorities say that several people were shot at the house from a passing car. The boy's eighteen year old mother was hit by two bullets. She is also expected to recover. The toddler's uncle says it was a frightening scene. The woman who owns the home speculates that her daughter's friend may have something to do with the attack. No suspects are in custody.

### **DEATH**

**August 22, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:18**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that a tragic misunderstanding leaves two people dead and two hospitalized. Police tonight have identified the couple who died early this morning in a high-speed car crash in Inglewood. Tasha Curry and Robert Richardson were killed in an accident caused by a man who thought he was stopping a crime.

### **MALL STABBING**

**August 22, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:12**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported a stabbing that turned the quiet Topanga Plaza mall into a crime scene. Police and paramedics converged on the upscale Woodland Hills Shopping Center. Two people were stabbed in the mall. Police say the stabbing appears to be gang related.

### **MACHETE DISPUTE**

**August 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:43**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported a violent dispute in Lancaster that ended with more violence. A sheriff's deputy shot and fatally wounded a man armed with a machete. Deputies were across the street in the 44-thousand block of Kingtree Avenue last night when they heard cries for help. They found 41-year old Marie Matranga with cuts to her hands. Her husband Martin Escobar held the machete tight and threatened deputies with it. Escobar was shot in the back. He died of his wounds early that morning.

### **SHOOTING & STABBING**

**August 27, 2000 Sun ( ) TRT 00:31**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that police were on the alert after a violent night that included eight shootings and five stabbings. Gunfire erupted here at this South L.A. home during a party. Three people suffered minor injuries. Several stabbings also took place: One in Koreatown, another in Wilmington, and yet another in Granada Hills. Last night, police responded to a total of 13 calls. There were no deaths or life-threatening injuries in any of the incidents. Police are investigating the cause of the violence. At this point, no arrests have been made.

### **FATAL CAR SHOOTING**

**August 27, 2000 Sun ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that police in Fontana are on the lookout for a damaged sport utility vehicle that was allegedly used in a fatal shooting overnight. Police say 23-year old Eladio Iniguez was driving Eastbound on Cherry Avenue when he got involved in an argument with the occupants in a greenish-blue SUV. During the altercation, shots were fired and Iniguez's car collided with the SUV before flipping over. Iniguez died at the scene. Fontana Police are asking anyone who might have information about the incident to give them a call.

### **WORKPLACE VIOLENCE**

**August 31, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:48**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that working in a post office is not hazardous to your health. That the conclusion of a new study on workplace violence. The nearly four million dollar study looked at crime statistics. They found postal workers are only a third as likely to be murdered on the job as the general workforce. But it also says there is still an unacceptable level of violence in the American workplace. The study says postal workers have more negative attitudes about work and co-workers, and are far less confident in the fairness and honesty of their managers.

### **BODY IN CAR**

**August 31, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:44**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that investigators tried to determine an Anaheim man found shot to death in Castaic was also a kidnapping victim. The young man was found slumped in the passenger seat of a Toyota on a side road North of Castaic. A passerby noticed him yesterday and thought he was sleeping. When he drove by again the next day and saw him in the same position, he notified the police. Detectives say they don't know if the victim was murdered elsewhere and dumped at this spot. They believe more than one person was involved in the crime and a second car was used to carry it out.

### **NOHO SHOOTING**

**September 4, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:35**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a body was discovered inside a car. The late model Toyota was parked at the curb on Sylvan Street. Police said the man had apparently been shot by a passenger in the car. The person shot him with a hand-gun several times at close range. Witnesses said the shooter then fled on foot, but was picked up a short distance away by someone driving a white car. Police were not releasing the victim's name. They said he was in his early 20's and lived in the neighborhood. Police were questioning several witnesses, but so far do not have a suspect.

### **STABBED 100X**

**September 5, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:45**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a 13-year old girl in Chicago is in custody for accusation of stabbing her mother over a hundred times. Investigators believe the girl attacked Jetuan Waters on Saturday while she was sitting in her car. The girl initially said she found her mother stabbed, but detectives said she couldn't get all the details of her story straight. Eventually, Police pieced together enough evidence and found that the daughter stabbed her mother. The thirteen-year old now faces charges of first degree murder.

### **SLAIN OFFICER**

**September 6, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:21**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Corneal Milloy was allegedly gunned down by his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend after getting into an argument with her. The 12-year old veteran had been suspended for 30 days without pay earlier this year after threatening to kill a fellow officer. He had also just completed an anger management course.

### **WOMEN ROBBERS**

**September 11, 2000 12:00 P.M> ( ) TRT 00:35**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a "Not guilty" plea in Federal Court for three female robbery suspects whom FBI agents have dubbed "Charlie's Angels". Tenisha Norris, and sisters Aiesha and Rashida Hewitt faced arraignment on Federal Bank robbery charges. They're suspected of robbing 11 banks throughout the Southland. Authorities said one would hand a teller a note saying, "Give me all your money or I will blow your head off." The woman claimed to have a gun, but one was never seen. Some of the money was never recovered. The trial is set to begin in October in Riverside.

### **RAMPART REPORT**

**September 11, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:42**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the LAPD due to reports is in dire need of serious reform. USC Law Professor and author of the study Erwin Chemerinsky said the main problem is the department's code of silence. In the 150-page report, Chemerinsky analyzed the department's Rampart investigation blasting it for minimizing the magnitude of the scandal. The report offers 80 recommendations for reform. Chemerinsky and other contributors to the report said a consent decree has been discussed by the city and Federal authorities as one solution to changing the LAPD.

### **CRIME PREVENTION**

**September 11, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:43**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Mayor Riordan and Police Chief Bernard Parks took steps in preventing crime. The two were on hand to unveil a 14-million dollar plan that would revitalize the community. The program called "Operation Healthy" combines resources from the LAPD and city departments to help neighborhoods that have been hit hard by crime. The plan also includes increased services in bulky item pickup, graffiti removal, community outreach and education as well as cleaning 36 parks.

### **COPS SHOT**

**September 18, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that two police officers are recovering after a shoot-out in Pasadena. Investigators said the shooting happened around 11:00 P.M. last night. The two officers were responding to a disturbance call when they said a man pulled out a gun and began shooting. Officer Ernesto Estrada was hit in the upper leg. Officer John Calderon suffered a graze wound to the shoulder to the face. The suspect, 44-year old Andrew Johns, suffered a wound to the shoulder when the officers returned fire. Johns will be charged with attempted murder. Both officers were treated and released.

### **MAN STABBED**

**September 19, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:28**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a Long Beach man was placed behind bars with a stab wound for allegedly inappropriate activity with his friend's child. The dispute occurred just after one-thirty this morning in the 66-hundred block of Obispo Avenue in Long Beach. 19-year old Melvin Welch was arrested and charged with "A lewd act with or in presence of a child". Welch was at his female friend's house when, according to police, she saw him do something inappropriate with her daughter and stabbed him in the back. Police wouldn't give details about the nature of the incident, but said the girl was not sexually assaulted. The 24-year old woman, who hasn't been identified, was not arrested. Welch is being held on 50-thousand dollars bail.

### **MAN BEATEN**

**September 20, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:34**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that two Los Angeles County Deputies could soon be facing criminal charges. After allegedly beating a man whose only crime was waiting for a bus. 26-year old Sergio Arceniega was waiting for a bus Monday to take him to school. That's when deputies approached and tried to question him. What they didn't know was that Arceniega has the mental capacity of a five-year old. When he got up and walked away, the deputies allegedly grabbed him and beat him. Arceniega suffered bruises to his eyes and head. The deputies later apologized for their actions. Meanwhile, the victim's family is considering filing a lawsuit.

### **HATE CRIME**

**September 25, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that investigators said that two teenage suspects were to blame for the attack of anti-Semitic vandalism on a Hebrew School in Woodland Hills. The vandals spray-painted swastikas, broke windows, and smashed computers. The attack on the West Valley Hebrew Academy outraged the community. Rabbi Block said the school has had trouble with vandals before, but never to this extent. The two suspects that lived in a "Sober living house" nearby, now face charges of a hate crime.

### **COCAINE SEIZURE**

**September 26, 2000 ( ) TRT 00:00**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a huge drug bust in San Diego netted millions of dollars in cocaine. Federal Agents unloaded more than five-thousand pounds of the drug, from a Colombian fishing ship. Investigators believe the ship was used to fuel smaller ships. Which are in turn used for drug smuggling. 13 Colombians have been arrested. All face Federal charges that could lead to life in prison. The drugs are now in Federal lockup. They have an estimated street value of 530-Million dollars.

### **B-BALL MURDER**

**September 26, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Police were hunting for the gunmen who murdered a former Southland basketball star. His bullet-ridden body was found lying in a Walnut Park alley. Charles Matheney was a star basketball player for Bell High School in the mid-70's. He was heavily recruited by top colleges and an NBA pick. Last night, the 44-year old father went out to dinner, but never made it home. Investigators have few clues to go on. They said they were looking for three male Hispanics who may have been driving a beige Ford Explorer.